

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

September 8, 2009

We have very recently learned that developers of a proposed Football Stadium and Entertainment Complex in the City of Industry may seek a change in State Law that would exempt the planning, construction and operation of the facility from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). We have been advised today by the Chief Executive Office that if this legislation is introduced, it must be passed by this Friday, September 11, 2009.

While there are many reasons to support the development of a new NFL Football stadium in Los Angeles County, there are just as many reasons to ensure that the project complies with the same environmental regulations that govern virtually all projects in California. Hospitals, police stations, freeways and all sorts of valuable projects manage to be built without the necessity of CEQA exemptions.

CEQA, enacted by the legislature in 1970, is the primary State law that exists both to inform the public about significant environmental effects of proposed projects and to identify ways that environmental impacts can be mitigated once identified. The

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Legislature has historically been very reluctant to grant any project an exemption. If such an exemption were warranted, it should have the benefit of thorough public review and analysis. Clearly, such a tough standard cannot be achieved in the waning few days of the legislative session.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors find that this motion is urgent in that information concerning this matter was received after the posting of the September 8, 2009 agenda, and that action is required prior to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting, and;

I, FURTHER MOVE THAT the Board of Supervisors instruct our legislative advocates to oppose any legislation that would grant the proposed Industry Football Stadium and Entertainment complex an exemption from the long established requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act.

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